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SUBJECT: METI MINISTER URGES USG SUPPORT FOR JAPAN WIPO
CANDIDATE

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(SBU) Japan's Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry Akira Amari raised U.S. support for Japan's candidate to lead the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) with the Ambassador April 24. Amari noted the qualifications of Yoshiyuki Takagi, Japan's candidate, for taking on the role of WIPO Director General, including his experience as WIPO Executive Director for Planning. The Ambassador noted Amari's and the GOJ's strong support for Takagi and agreed to convey Amari's message to Washington.
SCHIEFFER